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—Samuel Gompers.

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Supervisor Dunn's First Move Memorializes Ed Clancy

REPORT —TO OUR READERS-OWNERS

Bad Unions Blasted

Reader's Digest has never been a magazine the present writer enjoyed reading, nor one that he has considered friendly to organized labor. But a fellow trade unionist just had joined in over the editorial desk the January 1955 issue of the said magazine, with this comment:

"Maybe this little magazine is unfriendly to labor, but here's an article in it seems worth reading and doing some thinking about."

It is worth reading, and it is worth thinking about. It's entitled "Wanted: A Bill of Rights for the Union Man: Why Should Increasing Numbers of Union Members Be Losing Their Right to Vote, to Speak Out Against Their Leadership, to Know What Is Being Done With Their Money?"

The article is by Lester Velle. He names names. He tells of some unions that he thinks the record shows are not well run. He also tells of unions which he feels are well run, and which point the way toward better running of unions now not well run.

Good Unions Praised

With that timorous tactfulness which is alleged to be a leading characteristic of labor paper editors, let's cite the unions which Velle feels are models some other unions might well emulate, but let's leave to informed imaginations the names of those he condemns.

The Retail Clerks Local in Los Angeles is praised because it "is so determined to have members participate that it fines those who don't show up at meetings."

The Upholsterers International Union is commended because it has "set up a tribunal of distinguished citizens to hear charges and assure a fair trial for accused members."

The International Typographical Union is mentioned as one of the labor organizations which "already provide models of self-rule that others could copy." Velle points out that the ITU "has a two-party system. Candidates run on political platforms, debate hotly, and report campaign expenses. Under a referendum system, rank-and-filers ratify all decisions of convention delegates. Accused members get the charges against them 30 days before a hearing. The local's members vote in secret whether the charges should be pressed, then ratify a trial committee's verdict (it takes a 75 percent majority to convict). The union's paper, The Typographical Journal, packs more than 200 pages monthly with officers' reports and accounting of disbursements down to postage stamps."

That's a fine tribute from a magazine which, incidentally, does not carry the label of the Allied Printing Trades!

Voteless Local Unions

On the other side of the ledger, among other things, he tells of one big international union which "at last count" had 110 local unions under trusteeship, with the members unable to vote for their own local officers. Another union, he says, kept a local in that voteless condition for 23 years.

No use trying to pretend that all the practices he cites are "just a pack of lies." Many of them are facts, and they're doing the entire honest labor movement great harm.

To the credit of AFL President George Meany he is said that he has tried to clean up some of these messes. But how much cooperation did he get from other labor leaders in the New York docks crisis?

Mailmen Here Hail "Junk Mail" Ban

Local mail carriers were happy this week following an announcement by Postmaster General Summerville that city and town deliveries of "junk mail" will be discontinued after March 31, 1955.

Summerfield's termination order came following a gradually rising crescendo of complaints by citizens in all walks of life plus the spur of a congressional investigation promised by Democratic leaders who now control the committees in both houses of Congress.

"Junk mail" is advertising material addressed simply to "householder," "patron" or "boxholder" without specific street address.

East Bay Labor Journal, with the solid backing of the AFL movement here, has been strongly critical of the "junk mail" scheme which was put into operation under the Eisenhower administration some 15 months ago.

Labor has contended that "junk mail" which has clogged the postal system, has been an added burden not only to letter carriers but to the public taxpayer as well.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

BTC Wary of Trick Queries By Committee

Unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council were cautioned this week to be wary of answering all questions pertaining to negotiated health and welfare plans contained in a questionnaire which will soon be sent to various unions and employers.

The note of caution was contained in a letter sent to the local council by Otto E. Never, general president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California.

Wrote Never: "There is every indication that anti-labor groups will endeavor to use the information sought to injure organized labor and create dissension between local unions, employers and employer association."

And, he added, "While some of the questions may properly be answered by local unions, the probabilities are that the great majority of the questions can only be answered properly by the independent boards of trustees which operate all negotiated health and welfare plans."

The Chronicle reported:

"All of the major lobbyists except Haggerty and the AFL representatives backed Smith. This member included Donald J. Cleary, San Francisco's lobbyist."

THE NIXON ANGLE

Cleary had been instructed by Mayor Robinson of San Francisco to back Smith. Robinson contending that if Lincoln became speaker it would load the legislative dice in favor of Oakland against San Francisco. Randal F. Dickey was the only Alameda county Assemblyman voting for Smith.

ED CLANCY MOURNED

The council adjourned its regular business meeting this week in respect to the memory of Ed Clancy, business representative of Newspaper Drivers 96.

Brother Clancy, one of the most active and popular labor leaders in the East Bay, died suddenly at his Alameda home on January 1 of a heart attack. He was 60.

Knight insisted throughout that he was neutral in the fight, but he and the Knowland interests having combined to defeat Nixon in a bitter fight for control of the Republican machine before the last elections, reports persisted that the same struggle was going on in the fight for the speakership as a step toward winning control of the California delegation to the Republican convention next year.

KNIGHT ON LABOR

Knight in his inaugural message to the Legislature Monday after the speakership battle had been settled discussed several subjects of special interest to labor:

1—He urged continuance of the 6-cent a gallon State gas tax, since some labor people have opposed on the ground that it is a sales tax hitting hardest those who have least.

2—He called for a \$5 per week increase in the maximum weekly benefit of \$35 for workmen temporarily disabled on the job. This would bring it to \$40 per week. The State Federation of Labor is asking \$50.

3—He asked that the \$30 maximum weekly payment to permanently disabled persons covered by workmen's compensation insurance be raised to \$35. The State Federation of Labor is asking \$50.

4—He asked for an increase in the maximum death benefits under workmen's compensation to \$17,000 for a widow with children. East Bay Labor Journal asked former Oakland Mayor Joseph E. Smith, who as an attorney had

much experience in workmen's compensation matters, how this proposed figure compares with those at present in effect. Smith said that at present the maximum a widow with children can get is \$8750 plus \$400 burial benefit; and a widow without children can get a maximum of \$7000 plus \$400 burial benefit.

Anga Bjornson, Democrat, who made the labor-backed run for the Senate against incumbent Arthur Breed, has pointed out that many of those who fail to vote are working people who normally vote the Democratic ticket, but who have to move so often that they fail to vote, not re-registering when they move.

Hallinan's Parole Plea Denied Right After His Party Collapses Here

Right after the party which ran Vince Hallinan for President of the United States collapsed in California, Hallinan himself was denied parole under the 18-month prison term he is serving at McNeil Island, Wash., for income tax evasion.

The Independent Progressive Party, in which the Communist People's Daily World showed solid interest, ran Henry A. Wallace for President in 1948, and Hallinan in 1952. In the recent general election it polled so few votes in California that it disappears from the ballot henceforth.

With time off for good behavior Hallinan will get out of prison March 20, in any event.

James C. Purcell, one of the attorneys asking parole for Hallinan, says that it is "political persecution" which keeps his client in, since he became legally eligible for parole as long ago as July 6.

Machinists Save Jobs Of 500 Lock Workers

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn. (AFL News) — Efforts of Machinists Lodge 1294 to save the jobs of 500 workers paid off. After the reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Internal Revenue Service decided to liquidate the Norwalk Lock Co., which was operating on a month-to-month basis with special court permission following filing of voluntary bankruptcy, lock officers appealed to the Treasury Dept. The firm was given another four-month trial period.

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Those returned to office included Charles H. "Pop" Kennedy, president; Ray Teiller, vice president; A. Jack Haywood, secretary; Ernest M. Carr, financial secretary; Eddie T. Burns, San Francisco business representative; Al Morris, Oakland business representative; Julius Baglini, secretary, Oakland Branch; Elmer Vincent, Sr., secretary, San Mateo Branch; Ed Harris, sergeant-at-arms.

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738 More on Relief in County Than Month Ago

County Welfare Director S. H. Thompson reports that on December 28 there were 5228 persons on general relief, as compared with 4490 on November 30 and 3498 on December 1, 1953.

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King added that the new section of Franklin school is expected to be housed in 12 to 14 portables which will be placed on the site. The portables, said King, will house enough students to remove the pressure of double sessions for students in the Bella-Vista-Franklin schools by the Fall of this year.

King added that the new section of Franklin school is expected to be completed by February, 1956. All of the classrooms in the structure will be reserved exclusively for students, while school administration offices will be housed in a few portables only.

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Classification tests, for students planning to enroll for the spring term in the liberal arts division of Oakland Junior College, will be given at Merritt School of Business, 5714 Grove Street, on Saturday, January 8, and Saturday, January 22, at 8 a.m. It is announced by Clyde F. Fiske, associate dean student personnel services.

Oakland Bank

New record highs in deposits, loans and total resources were made in 1954 by Oakland Bank of Commerce, A. S. Weaver, President, reported today.

Deposits increased \$6,448,102.42 to \$46,287,989.57, a gain of 16.2% over deposit figures reported a year ago.

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HOW TO BUY**1955 Cars: Costlier to Run**By SYDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

The ads and newspaper publicity stories have already told you about how the 1955 cars are more powerful, and more splendid with their longer lines and even three-tone paint jobs. Now we'll tell you a little of the other side of the story. They are also costlier to operate. Purchasers are going to get a few shocks when they see how much it costs to replace such items as four-barrel carburetors, and some are also going to find themselves spending more to gas them longer, heavier, higher-powered chariots.

Both size and power of even the big Three lowest-priced 1955 cars is fantastic. In length, for example, Plymouth, which in '53 was a compact 189.1 inches long overall, now is 203.8, even though the wheelbase is only 115 inches compared to 114 in '53. As you can see from the table, it is now the longest of the four makes compared. Horsepower, too, has been stepped up considerably. Even Studebaker, which in previous years was more noted for gas economy than for power, now has 101 horsepower in the six-cylinder model while the others go up as high as 177-180 in V-8 models with the optional four-barrel carburetor.

ADDED EXPENSE
These four lower-priced makes now all also have at least 7.4 to 1 compression, meaning the number of times the gas is compressed as the engine piston moves. The more the gas is compressed, the more power it supplies. But high compression requires high octane gas. This is an added expense, but it may be offset for long-distance drivers by the greater economy of a high-compression engine at cruising speeds.

Chevrolet and Plymouth have joined Ford in adding V-8 engines as well as six-cylinder models. The trend is to the V-8 among even costlier makes, because it is a more compact engine, and more rigid and able to withstand the strain of higher horsepower.

What's the need for these higher-powered cars with their probable additional operating expense for most motorists? The advantages generally cited are better pulling power, and what the advertising writers call "eager thrust", meaning, you move off faster and more smoothly. Also, you can go up hills faster. If you live in hilly country or take frequent long-distance trips, the higher power can be an advantage. But for most families in crowded city and suburban areas, the sixes still have the economy advantage.

HIGH REPAIR COSTS
But what is not so well known about these more powerful, and complex engines, is that repair costs are much higher. For one thing, high-compression engines are tightly fitted, and mechanics don't have as much tolerance to work with. Distributors are more complicated, and costlier to replace. On some late-model cars this part cost as much as \$40, compared to \$18 on some of the older cars. Or a new four-barrel carburetor may cost you as much as \$71 compared to \$38 for a two-barrel one for the same car. Too, the multi-barreled carburetors require careful attention, and are often not calibrated properly when the new cars come off assembly lines. Automatic transmission and power

HOW THE 1955 POPULAR-PRICE CARS LINE UP

Price*	Wheel-base	Overall Length	Width	Horse-power*	Comp.
Chevrolet 6 \$1728	115 in.	195.6 in.	74	123	7.5 to 1
V-8 w/ bbl. carb.				162	8 to 1
Ford 6 \$1723	115.5	198.5	75.9	120	7.5 to 1
V-8 Y block V-8				162	7.6 to 1
Plymouth \$1755	115.	203.8	74.6	117	8.5 to 1
V-8 w/ bbl. carb.				157	7.6 to 1
Studebaker 6 \$1783	116.5	202.25	69.5	101	7.5 to 1
*Factory-delivered price of lowest-cost 4-door sedan including Federal excise but not state or local taxes, transportation nor optional equipment. Generally 8's of the same make are about \$100 more.					

*Manufacturer's advertised rating.

**British Labor Man Who Spoke
Here Is an Expert Tea Taster**

Victor Feather, assistant secretary of the British Trade Union Congress, made a great hit with his humorous intelligent talk to the Central Labor Council here November 22. Following is an outline of Feather's career supplied to East Bay Labor Journal by the British Information Service which should be of interest to our readers:

Born into dire poverty in the industrial city of Bradford, Yorkshire, in April 1908, young Victor Feather did part-time jobs from an early age, and at the age of 14 had to give up his scholarship to a grammar school and go to work full-time in a textile mill. This sacrifice had to be made to help his mother to support his invalid father who lived there until he died.

Feather's first important union job came in 1937, when he was twenty-nine. He was appointed Junior Organizer at Transport House, the T. U. C. world headquarters, and moved to London, to the house in Hounslow where he still lives.

By 1940 Mr. Feather was in charge of all the trade councils in the country. During the war he spent much of his time working with various Government Departments, especially with the Ministry of Labor, and in consultation over wartime labor legislation such as the Essential Works Order.

Mr. Feather is a genial friendly Yorkshireman with an agreeable Yorkshire flavor to his speech. A tireless worker, he joined the Home Guard at the time of its first appeal in 1940, and served with that force throughout the war.

Well-liked by everyone, his co-workers felt his valor had earned just recognition when he won the Certificate of Gallantry for a daring rescue of four people buried in the wreckage of a bombing raid during the blitz. (At great personal risk he had tunneled through the debris, shoring up the passage as best he could as he went, until he was able to evacuate the victims safely).

PEACELESS TIRES
In the evenings, young Feather went to night school to study languages, bookkeeping, commercial law and practice, and various subjects connected with the grocery business. He learned which countries exported what type of food-stuffs and the difference between the scores of varying tea-brands. He became an adept "taster", able to tell instantly the difference between Australian and Turkish raisins, Kenya coffee and Mocha.

WHEN ONLY 20
When he was only twenty, Victor Feather began his speaking career. Two nights a week he lectured.

**U. N. Charter Day,
Bill of Rights Day
Observed This Month**

For leaders and members of the American Federation of Labor, long concerned with the fight against religious and racial discrimination, two events this month came with more than passing significance, says a press release from the California Federation for Civic Unity.

December 6 marked the sixth anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter while December 15 commemorated the adoption of our own Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to our federal Constitution, drafted to guarantee equal rights to all citizens, regardless of race, creed or national origin.

Both of these historic documents were intended to preserve the ideals of freedom, justice and equality for which the AFL stands and for which its members have fought since early days.

Organized labor recognizes that only in a free democracy can the worker enjoy full opportunity. And it understands as well that prejudice and discrimination like anti-Semitism or any other form of bigotry weaken the foundations of our free society.

Therefore it behoves every member of every trade union to turn a deaf ear to the rantings of the bigot who tries to turn employer against worker. Christian against Jew, native against foreign born. More than that, it is the responsibility of everyone in our country to combat such preachers for our strength lies only in our unity.

The anniversaries of the UN charter and of the Bill of Rights are fitting occasions to remember these things and to reeducate ourselves to the principles of American democracy — the principles which the AFL so strongly supports.

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Fund Drives Praise AFL Participation

NEW YORK (AFL News) — The AFL Edition of the National Newsletter of Community Chests and Councils of America praised the participation of AFL members and their unions in the 1954 fund campaigns.

The letter said: "Now that most United Community Fund and Community Chest Campaigns have been either kicked-off or successfully completed, each and every AFL member who unselfishly gave of his time and effort to this great common community objective must be sincerely thanked and commended.

There is so much good that has been accomplished because those who participated forgot their prejudices and selfish interests and gave of themselves for the good of all."

IRRA JAY (LARRY) BLALOCK, a member of Carpenters 36, died here on December 24 at age 52 leaving his widow, Rowena L. parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Blalock; a son, Larry Lynn; a daughter, Sharon Lee; a sister, Mrs. Emma A. Stevens; and brothers, Fletcher, John Lester and Roy.

EDWARD L. VALLE, a member of Stationary Engineers 39, passed away here on December 28 at age 66 leaving his widow, Georgia W. Brothier Benedict was a veteran of World War I.

WILLARD N. BENEDICT, a member of Steamfitters 342, passed away here on December 28 at age 66 leaving his widow, Georgia W. Brothier Benedict was a veteran of World War I.

5 FORMER UC PROFESSORS involved in the "loyalty oath" controversy have received full payment of their claims for severance pay, plus interest and court costs, a total of \$32,870. Cases of 16 other professors now teaching at the University, are still not settled.

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PG & E MAINTENANCE and the extension of gas and electric lines to serve new customers resulted in the company spending an estimated \$9.5 to \$10 million in Alameda and Contra Costa counties during 1954. W. H. Park, East Bay Division manager of the company disclosed. The figure, Park said, does not include costs of the mammoth \$75 million steam plant at Pittsburgh.

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Theater Union Review Continued

By JOE CONNELLY

(Editor's Note: This is the second and final section of Brother Connell's review of the year.)

July saw Fox taking over the Globe Theater from Telemanagement, followed by the quick resignation of manager Chuck Marquardt who had worked for Fox in the East and felt he could not compromise his convictions and abide by their policies. He later became resident manager of Cinerama . . . Nella McDermott, formerly of the Broadway, moved across the street to the Peerless . . . Former member Harold Davis died . . . Jimmy Thorpe left the Paramount relief door shift to enter the Coast Guard . . . Former International Secretary—Treasurer William P. Raoul died in Georgia.

Our August file is rather skimpy due to the conventions being held at that time, although Brother George Ebey did take over the column on several occasions he was handicapped by lack of cooperation on the part of the members submitting news items . . . Brother William Dau of Stage Hands Union Local 107 was returned to office as secretary-treasurer of the 2nd I. A. district . . . Bill Bentley returned to the business after an absence of a decade to become assistant manager at the Fox-Oakland . . . Eleanor Smith, of the Alameda was married . . . Business Manager Joe Connally of our local was elected to an executive council post at the State Theatrical Federation Convention.

In September, Ken Workman left the management of the United Artists in Berkeley to take over Golden State interests in Reno . . . The Oakland Speedway folded to make room for \$25,000,000 shopping center . . . Jimmy Sinchik returned from the Army to take over an assistant's berth at the California Theater in Berkeley and to eventually move to the Grand-Lake . . . employees Union Local B-82 I.A.T.S.E.

German and Filipino Labor Men are Entertained by Local Union People

Two labor men from distant lands, traveling in the United States as part of the Government's program for educational interchange, were entertained recently by a group of AFL and CIO people here.

Olaf Radke, an officer of the Western German Metal Workers Union, was especially interested in the activities of the CIO Steel Workers here, as his union includes steel workers.

Nicolas M. Cote, general secretary of a public utilities union in Manila, was interested in the work of AFL Electricians 1245, which has jurisdiction over thousands of workers in the Pacific Gas & Electric system, and of the CIO Communication Workers in the telephone system.

Radke is much impressed by the ease with which Americans move about in our vast country. He had in his pocket book of the passports he has to use to make short trips in work for his union. It was a sizable book, with each document very elaborate, and he assured the local union people, absolutely essential for the conduct of his business.

Radke impressed the people here with his account of the gigantic size of the furnaces in the Ruhr, apparently much larger than the ones steel workers in this country are accustomed to.

Cote said that the ICFTU, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, to which both AFL and CIO belong, should have an office in the Philippines, as that island republic is the real base of free trade unionism in Asia.

Cote said that the federating of local unions into national groups has not gone far as yet in his

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The next regular meeting of Tuesday, January 4, 1955, has been changed to the following Friday, January 7, at which time we will honor as our special guests members who are to receive Grand Lodge awards for continuous membership of 15 years and over.

There will be a short business meeting between 7 and 8 p.m. in Hall I followed by the installation of officers, introductions, and presentation of awards in Hall M.

As soon as possible the floor will be cleared for dancing. Refreshments will be served in Hall K.

Be sure to bring a partner and enjoy an evening of dancing and good fellowship to the music of our own Tony Tomasic and his orchestra.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. CLARK,
Financial Secretary

Clerks and Lumber Handlers 939

Commencing January 1, 1955, dues will be increased 50 cents per month.

The next regular meeting of this Local will be held on Friday, January 14, 1955 in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Your union officials wish to take this opportunity to extend to all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

JOSEPH BOTELHO, JR.,
Financial Secretary

Sheet Metal Workers 216

Death Assessment No. 367 is now due and payable. Brother Gustave Risse, No. 57125, a member of Local No. 108, Los Angeles, passed away on November 11, 1954.

Fraternally yours,

LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

Millmen 550

This notice is to inform you that Local 550 will hold a special meeting of great importance on Friday, January 14, 1955 starting at 8 p.m. in Hall M in the AFL Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St. Do not fail to attend!

The following information is of special importance to our unemployed members: If you want to continue to be covered by our health and welfare plan, you must pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the premium (\$4.88) by the 10th of the month to be covered. Further information on this subject may be obtained by calling the union business office. Phone TWInoaks 3-7742.

Fraternally yours,

ANTHONY L. RAMOS,
Business Representative

Delinquent Contractor Pays Up When Laborers Welfare Fund Brings Suit

Legal Counsel for the Laborers Health and Welfare Trust Fund for Northern California announces that the Fund collected through court action liquidated damages amounting to \$140.00 from Smithy's Plumbing & Heating of Citrus Heights, California, together with \$50.00 on account of attorney's fees and costs.

This payment was secured in settlement of one of the actions filed by the Fund in the Northern California area pursuant to the Fund's program of enforcing liquidated damages against employers who are chronically delinquent in their contributions to the Fund.

To protect these contractors from the unfair competition of chislers and to promote and maintain the benefits of the Fund for the laborers and their families, the Trustees have directed legal counsel for the Fund to take prompt and vigorous enforcement action against the small minority who are continually delinquent in contributions to the Fund.

WILLIAM (BILL) REZENTE, a member of Structural Shopmen 491, passed away in Richmond on December 30 at age 51 leaving his widow, Winifred; daughters, Jacqueline, Alice and Billie; his father, Joseph; brothers, Manuel and George; sisters, Mrs. Mary Baptista, Mrs. Cecilia Souza, Mrs. Bella Gonsalves and Mrs. Emily Texira.

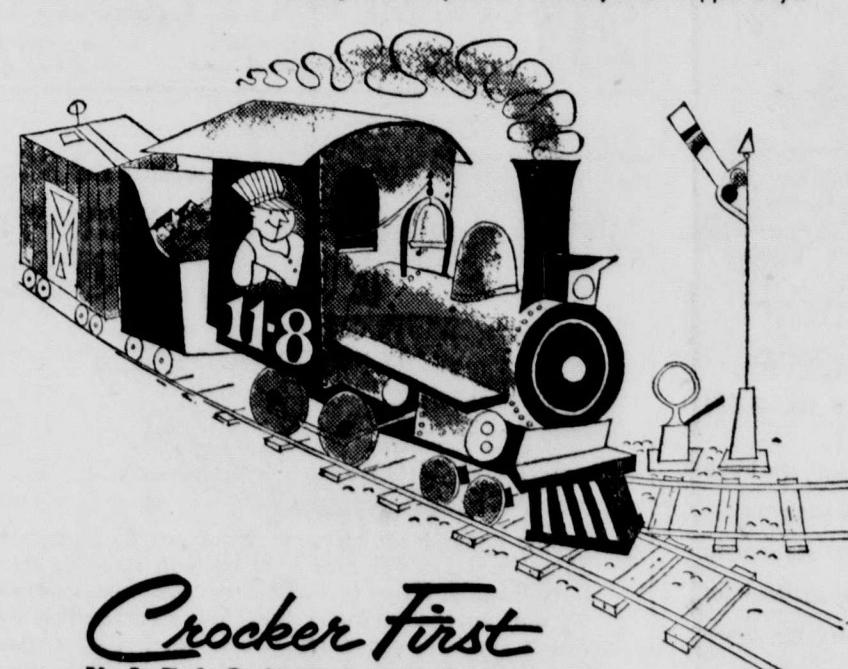
HARVEY J. CRIGER, a member of Carmen Division 192, passed away here on December 30 at age 54.

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Strokes of the Brush
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Painters' Welfare Fund Shows Gain

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The trustees of the Bay Area Welfare Fund analyzed very carefully the financial condition of the fund and at the last meeting determined that increased benefits could be paid without endangering the reserves. (The fund now has over \$250,000 in the reserve fund). This reserve has been built up to take care of any emergency that could possibly arrive, such as epidemics, etc.

Any sickness or injury occurring after January 1, 1955 additional benefits will be paid as follows:

A blanket amount of \$2,000 will be paid for Poliomyelitis (in lieu of all other benefits) for both employees and dependents.

The surgical schedule for operations, etc., is now the same for dependents as employees. Previous to January 1, there was considerable difference in this allowance.

After an employee has 120 working hours to his credit during a contract year he will be covered during the balance of the contract year even though he has no further earnings. NOTE: This does not mean that an employer will not continue to contribute the regular hourly amount after 1200 hours of employment. As the contract year runs from June 1 to May 31 it could be possible for an employee to have 1200 hours during June, July, August, September, October, and November. He could then become unemployed and still be covered for the next 6 months if he remained unemployed.

The office is always glad to answer questions regarding welfare or any other problems the brothers have. If in doubt phone the office TW. 3-2755 or GL 1-2474.

Again we remind the brothers that the District Council by referendum vote increased the dues of all house painters locals from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per month. Due for the first quarter of '55 are \$20.40 for beneficial members. When mailing in your dues please take note of this increase.

During the past week another of our brothers was called to the great beyond. Brother Fred Traverso a member since 1937 died on December 29 after a lengthy illness. The officers and members extend their deep sympathies to the family of our departed brother.

Work has slowed down since we think this is only temporary. Of course if your employer can use another hand call the office and help your brother members.

Next meeting of the Local will be Thursday, January 13. See you next week.

If Women Quit Working We'd Be in Bad Shape

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—To emphasize the importance of women workers in national life and progress, the U. S. Department of Labor poses this problem:

Picture the situation in an individual office, store, factory, restaurant, schoolroom, hospital, telephone exchange, bank, if every woman employed remained away even for a single day.

Exercising the imagination to answer the problem can some extent envision the basic importance of women's contribution in modern industrial life, the department said in a new bulletin, "Changes in Women's Occupations, 1940-1950."

The number of women workers increased by 4 and $\frac{1}{2}$ million between 1940 and 1950. The great majority of them are married and their median age is 36 years compared to 32 years in 1940.

Under the terms of the Trust Agreement which established the Laborers Fund, contributions to the Fund for each month are due on the 15th day of the following month and become delinquent if not paid by the 25th day of the month.

The Agreement provides that the amount of damage to the Fund and the Welfare Plan resulting from a delinquency shall be presumed to be the sum of \$20.00 per delinquency or 10% of the amount of the contribution due, whichever is greater.

This provision for liquidated damages was negotiated in order to relieve the contributing employers from the possibility that delinquents might subject them to unlimited liability for benefits lost to laborers by the delinquencies, and

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Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers List Claims Payments

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We are in the processing of mailing the six months' Insurance Fund Audit and list of claims paid for that period to the employers, therefore, we have listed below the claims paid, for the information of the members:

George Masson Jr. (dep. of George Masson), \$95.00; Agnes Johnson, \$10.00; Jon Rosenthal, \$20.00; Genevieve Berschens (dep. of John Berschens), \$64.71; Evangeline Johnson, \$10.00; Mary Westlund (dep. of Archie Westlund), \$200.00; Jessie Wong (dep. of Robert Wong), \$112.50; Ernie Anselmi, \$20.00; James Cates, \$10.00; Harry Rosenthal (dep. of Joe Rosenthal), \$206.28; Mary Alliston (dep. of Wm. F. Alliston), \$136.75; Harry Wurthmann, \$968.97; Rosemary McCaskie (dep. of Allan D. McCaskie), \$200.00; Alice Hansen (dep. of Oscar Hansen), \$189.00; Harvey C. Llyod, \$358.75; Robert H. Wong, \$243.50

SAN JOSE MEMBERS FOLLOW:

Muriel Kopp (dep. of Harry J. Kopp), \$197.00; Donald J. Smith, \$10.00; Peter P. Brooks, \$8.50; Emil Neprash, \$50.00; Carl H. Thompson, \$200.00; Nancy Swensen, \$10.00; Melvin L. Swenson, \$303.00; Henry A. Hulegard, \$70.15; Victor Woodfill, \$40.00; Herbert Teel, \$15.00; Emil Neprash, \$812.00. **FOLLOWING MEMBERS COVERED BY KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH SERVICE PLAN WERE PAID SICKNESS OR ACCIDENT BENEFITS:**

George Brown, \$137.1; Yoshio Kigaki, \$238.85; Hugo Koscielak, \$125.75; Thomas Scott, \$588.00; Ainsley Edmunds, \$176.00; Clarice Black (dep. of Wm. Paul Black), \$250.00. **DEATH BENEFIT:** To the beneficiary of Harry Wurthmann, \$2500.00.

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Editorials

Knight Bicycles Way Through Labor Appointment Difficulty

The appointment of Ernest B. Webb as State Director of Industrial Relations must have come as a painful surprise to the considerable number of pro-Knight AFL men who had been promised, or thought or hoped they had been promised, this principal labor post in the State Government.

Webb has been on the Industrial Accident Commission for ten years, and as a member of that commission couldn't have stuck his neck out for Knight's election as did some of the boys who were persuaded to go along with that gentleman's candidacy for the Governorship.

However, I feel you should be ashamed of hitting below the belt on one of your accusations and that you have forgotten a basic fact in another.

During the campaign informal overtures were made to more than one AFL man as to how he would like to be made Director of Industrial Relations if the Knight in Shining Armor, Without Fear and Without Reproach, happened to become Governor. Several are believed to have bravely admitted that they wouldn't mind having the \$12,000 Cabinet post one little bit. Others figured, doubtless, that the informal suggestions made by persons who could be declared later to have been unauthorized, were just so many pieces of fly-paper for the flies.

The San Francisco Chronicle in a dispatch from its special correspondent in Sacramento, says:

"Appointment of Webb... had been urged by C. J. Haggerly, secretary of the State AFL."

Whether or not he received advice on this appointment, Knight himself undoubtedly has enough political savvy to know that if he handed this plum to any one of the lately-become-Knightists in the AFL, he'd arouse a lot of hostility among all the rest of them who had their eyes on the job. By handing the plum to an AFL man who was appointed by Earl Warren to a State post and twice reappointed by him, Knight accomplished one positive purpose and avoided one negative difficulty.

For by appointing a seasoned Warrenite Knight kept up the pretense that he is a liberal as Warren was, or was popularly supposed to be. By not feeding the plum to any one of the AFL newcomers in the ranks of the Knight Republicans he avoided violently offending all the rest of 'em. Thus he rode through dangers on that bicycle he straddled so effectively in the publicity photograph of him which landed in all the dailies recently.

Of course, the post of Director of Industrial Relations is much more than a political plum. It is an important administrative position which means much for the welfare of labor. It is to be hoped that Webb, who served briefly as secretary of the Central Labor Council, and was for years before that member of a trade union, has the knowledge and spirit needed for the post.

Webb may, however, find himself in the uncomfortable spot of Secretary of Labor Mitchell in the anti-labor Eisenhower Administration. The job of chief labor official in an anti-labor Administration, whether Federal or State, is by no means a pleasant one.

Anti-Housing Man in Housing Post

Tricky Dick McNixon is using his job as Vice President of the United States to build himself a nice little machine. The latest feat for which he is getting "credit" in the press is the landing of a \$13,000 a year job for Oakley Hunter, of Fresno, reactionary Republican who lost his seat in Congress when defeated in the recent election by B. F. Sisk, Democrat.

Hunter while in Congress, according to the AFL record, cast 17 bad votes and no good votes. He proved himself such a foe of public housing that, as Labor's Daily puts it, he "even voted against President Eisenhower's little four-year 35,000-unit-a-year public housing bill." Yet Tricky Dick McNixon by heave-ho-ing on a lot of wires landed Hunter the job as top lawyer of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency!

Hunter won't lose a day's pay. His term as Congressman ends January 5, but two days before that, on January 3, he took office in his new post as general counsel of the important housing agency.

Hunter succeeds B. T. Fitzpatrick, a Federal civil servant since 1933. Fitzpatrick was pried out on the ground it was a policy-making post which should be held by a Republican.

The New York Times says that the Vice President first tried to get Hunter the job of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture in charge of commodity matters. But Secretary of Agriculture Benson didn't seem to think that Hunter's previous career as an FBI man particularly fitted him for such a post requiring expert knowledge. So Tricky Dick tried again; he tried to have Hunter made the Department of Agriculture's liaison man with Congress. Foiled again! for some other Republican beat McNixon's pet to that job.

Finally, however, Hunter was landed in the housing job. Well, why shouldn't a confirmed anti-housing man hold a high place in the Eisenhower anti-housing Administration? For Albert M. Cole, who is the head man in the agency Lame Duck Hunter will counsel, was himself so opposed to public housing that when he was a Congressman from Kansas he introduced in 1951 an amendment to deny the Government the authority to acquire sites for housing development in isolated defense installation areas. Incidentally, Hunter voted for that amendment. So Cole and Hunter understand each other. How they must laugh at landlord-gyped renters as they sit at the top of the housing agency whose principal job under the Eisenhower Administration is to kill off housing!

CHURCH VOTE
Maryland's Governor Theodore Roosevelt McKeeldin was recently re-elected to a second term and in all probability the church vote was a big factor. McKeeldin, a Methodist, attends Episcopalian Church, fasts on Yom Kippur and eats no meat on Friday. In addition, he spends almost every Sunday preaching from one pulpit or another across the State.—Public Affairs Institute.

LEGION

We never have accused the American Legion of being a liberal organization, but we never fully realized how far to the right it is—that is, how far right its top leaders are until we recently picked up a copy of the Legion's monthly magazine, *Strictly from McCarthy!*—Colorado Labor Advocate.

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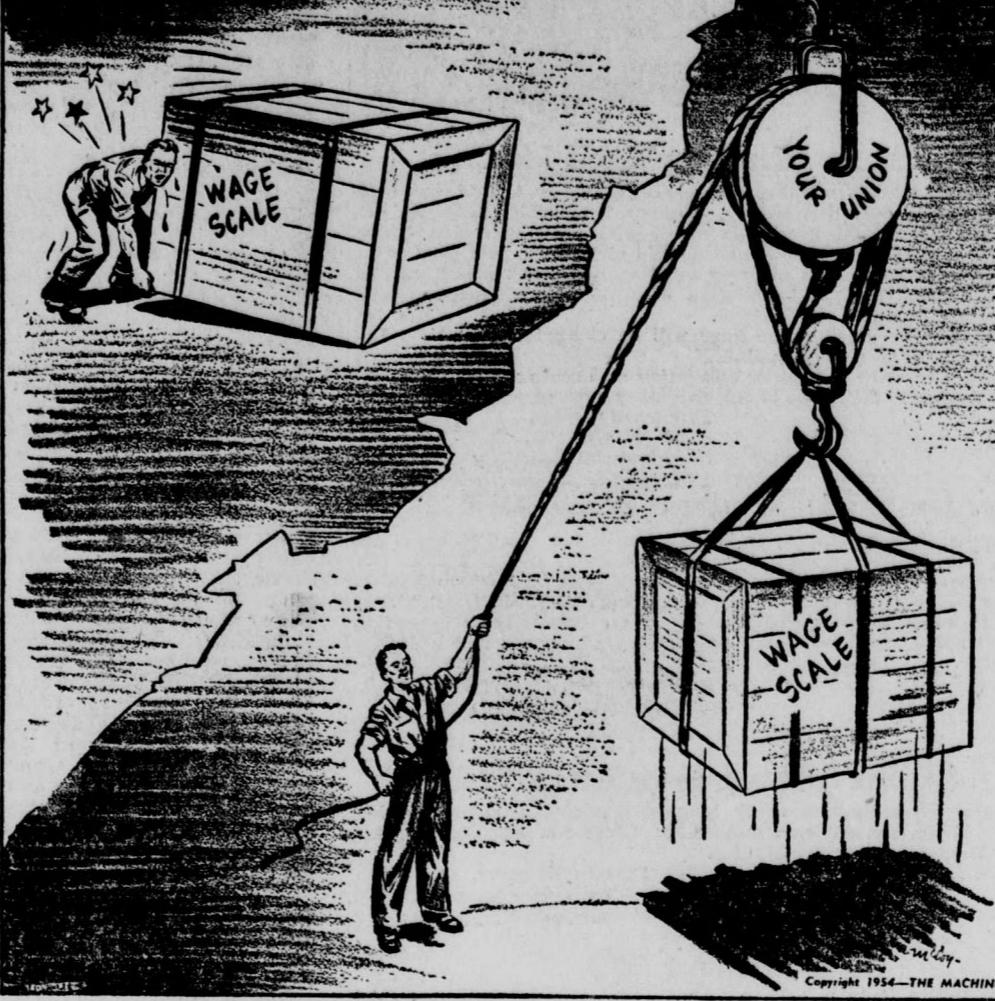
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Communist Paper Here 'Co-Exists' For 17 Years, ILWU a Little Longer

"Peaceful Coexistence"—well, maybe not always so peaceful—keeps rolling along in the Bay Area. Communists or alleged Communists, and Conservatives or alleged Conservatives, manage to survive together.

Labor people were reminded of this when the Communist Daily Worker's World of San Francisco and way stations announced that the New Year marked the 17th anniversary of the paper, since it was founded January 1, 1938.

The paper was founded some four months after the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Association was founded under the leadership of Harry Bridges.

Both the paper and Bridges have been repeatedly attacked as Communists, but the Daily Worker's World has gone on co-existing with the big dailies of the area, and the Bridges-led union has coexisted with the anti-Communist unions.

East Bay Labor Journal of August 13, 1937, tells on the first page the story of the suspending of five locals of the International Longshoremen's Association from the State Federation of Labor. It was this suspension of the ILA on the Pacific Coast which led to Bridges setting up these five locals as the foundation of the ILWU, at first as part of the CIO.

The suspending of the Bridges-led locals was done by Edward D. Vandeleur, then secretary of the State Federation, upon authorization of William Green, then AFL president, who wired Vandeleur that "locals voting CIO forfeited the right to be represented in central bodies and the State Federation of Labor."

East Bay Labor Journal in its 1937 account said that "Vandeleur's action emphasizes the steps being taken to purge the State Federation of CIO Communists groups."

It now has 3,500 members, according to President Jesse Beck. He estimated that the total annual printers pay at about \$20 million contrasted to \$15,000 for the total membership during the first year.—AFL News Service.

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Settlement Averts Railmen Pay Cut

WASHINGTON—(AFL News)—A settlement averting a one-cent-an-hour pay cut for 825,000 non-operating railroad employees and canceling the escalator clause was announced by Earl Leighty, negotiations chairman for the 15 "non-op" unions.

In addition, a 13-cent improvement in hourly pay which has taken place under the escalator clause since 1951 was incorporated in the workers' basic wage scale.

Leighty said the contract was signed with most of the nation's railroads.

The workers' pay was scheduled to drop by one cent on Jan. 1 because of the reduced level of living costs, reflected in the Labor Department's consumer price index.

With the past living-cost gains now part of the regular scale, Leighty estimated that the average "non-op" employee will receive about \$1.85 an hour.

He reported that negotiators also have arrived at "substantial agreement" on a plan for effecting a health and welfare program for the workers on Feb. 1.

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(Continued from Page 1)
Childers; Lloyd Child and Joe Pruss, Sheet Metal Workers 216; Paul L. Jones, Eric Norberg, and Jay Johnson, Laborers 304; Al Clem, Engineers 3; Ernie Mountain, Hayward Painters 1178; S. E. Rockwell, Electricians 595; Ed Fisher; Plumbers 444.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL—President John F. Quinn; Assistant Secretary William P. Fee; Vern Stambaugh and William Castleberry, Carmen 192; W. Douglas Gelernter and Edna Lallement, Building Service Employees 18; Marilyn Anglin, Office Employees 29; Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870; Alex Sulek, Culinary Alliance 31; John W. Austin and Joe B. Chaudet, Typographical 36; Lew Blix, Dental Technicians 2416; Les Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176; Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101.

William B. Mullin and Louis Burgess of East Bay Labor Journal were also present.

WILLARD N. BENEDICT, a member of Steamfitters 342, passed away here on December 28 at age 66 leaving his widow, Georgia W.; and a sister, Anna.

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